

My Learning Curve With Calendars

I share my learning curve here in hopes that you don't repeat any of the same pitfalls I have with calendaring YW information. I found that once I mastered the right system for me it made my life and calling SO much easier! I knew that calendars were a helpful and necessary tool, but it took a few dry runs to get something that worked like a well-oiled machine.



Monthly Activities
Beehives

Theme: Good Works
Color: Yellow

Date	Type	Responsible	Activity
Wed. 6	Joint	Presists	
Wed. 13	Class	Beehives	
Wed. 20	Combined	Beehives	
Wed. 27	Class	Beehives	
Sun. 30	Fireside	Diapora	

It started with something like this: ([Click here](#) to view the file.)

This worked best as a monthly template our secretary did for all the girls each month – after the planning was completed. It was cute and helpful.

It separated out at the bottom what type of activity would fall on a day like joint, combined, etc., showed which group was responsible and left a space to write in an activity. The problem was you needed one for each individual group. It was the start of an idea for planning out several months in advance because you could see what you were responsible for and showed other helpful information like the monthly theme, etc., but it still lacked as a planning system.

But it led to this concept: ([Click here](#) to view the file.)

Three Fountains Ward
Youth Planning Calendar
2004

GROUP	JOINT ACTIVITY	FIRESIDE	COMBINED ACTIVITY
BEEHIVES	February, September		April, July, October
DEACONS	March, November		
MIA MAIDS	April, December		February, May, August
TEACHERS	May	February	
LAURELS	July	May	March, June, September
PRESISTS	August	October	
LEADERS			January – New Beginnings
STAKE	Jan – Stake Sports Jun – Stake G. Camp Oct – Stake Sports	March, August	

Joint: First Wednesday of every month
 Combined: Fourth Wednesday of every month
 Firesides: Four per year (every 5th Sunday), stake may do one more in March

Cultural Hall Schedule:
 Joint: Every third month in a quarter: March, June, September, December
 Combined: Every fourth week

Events: Multi-Stake Dance Festival in October - - could impact our activity rights/schedule

New Beginnings: January 28th?
 Excellence: November 14th – Sacramento Program?
 Girl's Camp: June

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Monthly Values

MONTH	VALUE	MONTH	VALUE
JANUARY	Good Works	JULY	Choice & Accountability
FEBRUARY	Integrity	AUGUST	Good Works
MARCH	Faith	SEPTEMBER	Integrity
APRIL	Divine Nature	OCTOBER	Faith
MAY	Individual Worth	NOVEMBER	Divine Nature
JUNE	Knowledge	DECEMBER	Individual Worth

Monthly Fast Sunday Lessons

MONTH	LEADER	MONTH	LEADER
JANUARY	Monique	JULY	Holly
FEBRUARY	Kristin	AUGUST	Susan
MARCH	Holly	SEPTEMBER	Monique
APRIL	Susan	OCTOBER	Kristin
MAY	Monique	NOVEMBER	Holly
JUNE	Kristin	DECEMBER	Susan

2004 Lesson Planning

Manual 2 (50 lessons available)
 44 Lessons to teach
 (minus 2 general conferences, 2 stake conferences and 4 fifth Sundays)

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Again, this was fine. It helped to share the first page with the YM President so we could easily see what months and weeks each group would be responsible for planning a joint activity, firesides, etc. It was nice to see the YW information at a glance too from monthly values to combined activity responsibilities, etc. But it was all still very disconnected. Next, came an attempt to combine lesson schedules with activity planning:

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2003 YW Lesson Outline			
DATE	LESSON	MID-WEEK ACTIVITY	TYPE
January 3 (General Meeting)	01 A Daughter of God	8 th Stake YW Valedict	Stake
12	02, 3 Jesus Christ, the Son of God Following the Example of Jesus Christ	9 th Stake YW Valedict	Stake
19	04 Seeking the Companionship of the Holy Ghost		Combined
26	Regional Conference		Class
February 2 (General Meeting)	05 Finding Joy in our Divine Parental Blessings		Joint
9	06 Homeward		Class
16	07 Attitudes about our Divine Role		Class
23	08 Homeward Home		Class
March 2 (General Meeting)	09 Supporting Family Members		Joint
9	Ward Conference	New Beginnings	Combined
16	10 Sharing & Testimony in Self-reliance, Part 1	Spring Brunch	Spring Brunch
23	11 Sharing & Testimony in Self-reliance, Part 2	Stake YW Meditation Night	Stake
30 (4 th Sunday Semester)	12 Sustaining Priesthood Blessings		Joint
April 6 (General Conference)	General Conference	SP YCL Training	Stake
13 (General Meeting)	13 Personal Leadership in the Home		Combined
20	14 The Priesthood: Priesthood		Class
27	15 Women & Priesthood Blessings		Class
May 4 (General Meeting)	16 The Purpose of Governance and Obedience	SP YCL Training	Stake
11	17 Temple Management - Reassurance for Young Family Units	SP YCL Training	Stake
18	18 Personal Blessings		Combined
25	19 Reach Out to Others	SP First Aid Class	Stake

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DATE	LESSON	MID-WEEK ACTIVITY	TYPE
June 1 (General Meeting)	201 A Righteous Brotherly Influence	3-6 th Stake YW Stake Camp	Stake
8	202 Repentance		Class
15	203 Forgiveness		Combined
22	204 Prayer & Testimony (Enhance Day)		Class
29	205 Sabbath Day		Class
July 6 (General Meeting)	206 Teachers		Joint
13	207 Baptisms		Class
20	208 Reaching Out		Combined
27	209 The Sacred Ceremony		Class
August 3 (General Meeting)	210 Service		Joint
10	211 Group Activities: A Blessing for Your People		Class
17	212 Personal Blessings through Self-Reliance		Combined
24	213 Praying, Organizing, Maintaining Homes	2 nd Stake YWYW Social	Stake
31 (4 th Sunday Semester)	214 Women's Testimony		Class
September 7 (General Meeting)	215 Living Righteously Amid Persecution		Joint
14	216 The Importance of Truth in Living a Righteous Life	1 st Stake YW Softball	Stake
21	217 Come to Our Priesthood Blessings	3 rd Stake YW Softball	Stake
28	218 Nutrition and the Word of Wisdom	Combined	Class
October 5 (General Conference)	General Conference		Joint
12	219 One Place		Class
19	220 Health Care in the Home	2 nd Stake YW Softball	Stake & Combined
26	221 The Path to Success		Class
November 2 (General Meeting)	222 Change or Try		Joint

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
DATE	LESSON	MID-WEEK ACTIVITY	TYPE
9	03,3 Repentance Living		Class
16	04,4 Using Time Wisely		Combined
23	05,5 The Value of Home		Class
30 (4 th Sunday Semester)	06,6 The Purpose and Value of Education		Class
December 7 (General Meeting)	Stake Conference		Joint
14	07,7 Showcasing the Development of Leaders		Class
21	08,8 Showcasing Stake as a Blessing		Combined
28	09,9 Changing Responsibility to Others		Class

Stake Meetings:
 January 20th Camp Director/Casey Team Meeting
 March 20th General YW Breakfast
 April 10th Camp Director/Casey Team Meeting
 April 24th Stake YW Leadership Meeting
 May 6th Youth Protection Training
 October 28th Stake YW Leadership Meeting

Other:
 March 20th Stake Youth Prayers
 May 4th CES Prayers Social for Senior Graduates
 May 27th Seniors Graduation
 August 31st Stake Youth Prayers






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Close this time with more information in three pages, but still disconnected. The optimal solution for both planning and viewing information was so simple that I'd missed it. By the next year I tried a simple, plain Jane calendar like this for each member of my presidency to use for planning. (Click here to view the file.)

January 2004						
GOOD WORKS						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1  New Year's	2	3
4 <i>Monique: #43 Wise Use of Leisure Time</i>	5  Christine Huff	6  Rachel Huff	7  Nicole Phillips Stake Softball	8	9	10
11 <i>Laurels in RS #30 Strengthening Testimony through Service</i>	12	13	14 Stake Softball	15	16	17
18 <i>Special Fireside (Leaders) #41 Optimism -Bette Sue</i>	19 <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	20 Stake Temple Baptisms (5 p.m.)	21  Briinley Richeson No Activity (per baptisms)	22	23	24
25 <i>#20 Sharing the Gospel--Penny</i>	26	27	28 New Beginnings	29	30	31 Westwood High Service Project (7 a.m.)

It was easy to see what the monthly value was, all the birthdays, Sunday lessons and firesides, holidays, etc. in ONE place. It made planning more effective and easier and when each group was done I added their activities to one master which made my life SO much easier, especially when it came to church leadership and planning meetings.

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<h1>February 2004</h1>						
<i>INTEGRITY</i>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p><i>Krisim: #23 Fasting Brings Blessings</i></p>	<p>2 </p> <p>Lauren Miller</p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>YW Pres Meeting</i></p>	<p>4 </p> <p>Monique Decker Joint: Beehives: Swing Dancing</p>	<p>5 </p> <p>Lyndie Hall</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p><u><i>Laurels in RS</i></u> <i>#40 Self-Mastery</i></p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>B: "RM" Movie night M: Heart attack/ decorate cookies L: Wtolov Valentines</i></p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 </p> <p><i>Valentine's Day</i></p>
<p>15 </p> <p>Katelyn Greer <i>#3 Building the Kingdom of God</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p><i>YW Pres Meeting</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>Standards Night "B. U. G. S." (Building Up Gospel Standards)</i></p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Ward Conference <i>#18 A Heritage of Righteous Traditions</i></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Combined: Mia Maids: Quilting/ Crocheting</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Fireside (<i>Laurels</i>) <i>Combined FM Lesson: Bihopeic</i></p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>

I still needed the yearly planning calendar to map out the information for this calendar, and I still needed a lesson outline to drop in the information in this calendar, but the end result was something that in all its simplicity worked beautifully!

No calendar is the law – anyone who has used one knows that changes surface frequently. But with a simple and effective calendar you can make a plan and navigate changes as they arise. The peace of mind that comes from planning out and seeing all the things that affect each other is without price.

So here's to making your life and calling easier with a simple calendar system that *works*.